

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Representative James B. Black, Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Representative Richard T. Morgan, Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Co-Chairs, Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations

FROM: Tracy A. Little, Deputy Secretary

DATE: May 16, 2007

SUBJECT: Request by the Department of Correction to Use Federal Grant Matching Funds

The Department of Correction is requesting consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to use Federal grant matching funds.

In accordance with House Bill 397, Section 16.10, notwithstanding provisions of G.S. 148-2, the Department of Correction may use up to the sum of \$900,000 from funds available to the Department to provide the State match needed in order to receive Federal grant funds. The Department previously requested and was approved for State match funds in the amount of \$43,625. The Department is now requesting an additional amount of \$22,676 in State funds, specifically lapse salary, as the 25 percent cash match required for a grant that was awarded by the Governor's Crime Commission. The total grant award is \$90,704 inclusive of the State match.

The Department of Correction, Division of Prisons and Division of Community Corrections have been approved to receive this award for planning and limited implementation of the Department of Correction's response to the growing threat of Security Threat Groups, also known as gangs. Security Threat Groups are growing in numbers in the institutional and offender community offender populations and the Department must plan for an effective means to reduce prison violence and to increase officer and public safety. This project will operate system wide in all 100 North Carolina counties.

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I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. Staff from the Department of Correction will be present to explain this request.

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